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H. R. 3250

To repeal the retroactive application of the income, estate, and gift tax rates made by the budget reconciliation act and reduce administrative expenses for agencies by \$3,000,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1994, 1995, and 1996.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 1993

Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Government Operations

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPEAL OF RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF**
4 **INCOME, ESTATE, AND GIFT TAX RATE**
5 **INCREASES.**

6 (a) INCOME TAX RATES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1 of the Internal
2 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to tax imposed) is
3 amended by adding at the end the following new
4 subsection:

5 “(i) SPECIAL RULES FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGIN-
6 NING IN 1993.—In the case of taxable years beginning in
7 calendar year 1993, each of the tables contained in sub-
8 sections (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) shall be applied—

9 “(1) by substituting ‘32.97 percent’ for ‘36 per-
10 cent’,

11 “(2) by substituting ‘34.39 percent’ for ‘39.6
12 percent’, and

13 “(3) by substituting for the dollar amount of
14 tax in the last rate bracket the dollar amount deter-
15 mined under such table by making the substitution
16 described in paragraph (1).”.

17 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (A) Sections 531 and 541 of the Internal
19 Revenue Code of 1986 are each amended by in-
20 serting “(34.39 percent in the case of taxable
21 years beginning in calendar year 1993)” after
22 “39.6 percent”.

23 (B) Paragraph (1) of section 55(b) of such
24 Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing new subparagraph:

“(C) SPECIAL RULES FOR 1993.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in the calendar year 1993, subparagraph (A)(i) shall be applied by substituting—

“(i) ‘24.79 percent’ for ‘26 percent’ in subclause (I), and

“(ii) ‘25.58 percent’ for ‘28 percent’ in subclause (II).”.

(C) Section 13201 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 is amended by striking subsection (d).

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1992.

(b) ESTATE AND GIFT TAX RATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 13208 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 is amended by striking “December 31, 1992” and inserting “August 10, 1993”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993.

SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

(a) BUDGET OBLIGATIONS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amount obligated by all
2 departments and agencies for expenses during fiscal
3 years 1994, 1995, and 1996, shall be reduced by an
4 amount sufficient to result in a reduction of
5 \$3,000,000,000 in outlays for expenses during each
6 of the fiscal years 1994, 1995, and 1996. The Direc-
7 tor of the Office of Management and Budget shall
8 establish obligation limits for each agency and de-
9 partment in order to carry out the provisions of this
10 section.

11 (2) DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMITS.—The
12 discretionary spending limits for fiscal years 1994
13 through 1998 set forth in section 601(a)(2) of the
14 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 shall each be re-
15 duced by \$3,000,000,000 in fiscal year 1994,
16 \$6,000,000,000 in fiscal year 1995, and
17 \$9,000,000,000 in each of the fiscal years 1996,
18 1997, and 1998.

19 (3) NO NEGATION OF GENERAL AUTHORITY OF
20 DEPARTMENT HEAD WITHOUT SPECIFIC REF-
21 ERENCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 this Act or any other Act (regardless of its date of
23 enactment) that purports to direct the head of a de-
24 partment or agency to obligate an amount for sala-
25 ries and expenses for the purpose of obtaining a par-

1 ticular service or good or to prohibit the head of a
2 department or agency from obligating such an
3 amount for any particular service or good, that law
4 shall not be construed to impair or otherwise affect
5 the duty and the discretion of the head of a depart-
6 ment or agency to make determinations concerning
7 which particular services of persons and which par-
8 ticular goods will be obligated for in the best interest
9 of performing all of the duties assigned to the de-
10 department or agency, unless that provision—

11 (A) makes specific reference to this para-
12 graph; and

13 (B) states that it is the intent of Congress
14 in that provision to negate the duty and discre-
15 tion of the head of that department or agency
16 so to make such determinations.

17 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section the
18 term “expenses” means the object classes identified by the
19 Office of Management and Budget in Object Classes 21–
20 26 as follows:

21 (1) 21.0: Travel and Transportation of Persons.

22 (2) 22.0: Transportation of Things.

23 (3) 23.2: Rental Payments to Others.

24 (4) 23.3: Communications, Utilities, and Misc.

25 (5) 24.0: Printing and Reproduction.

1 (6) 25.1: Consulting Services.

2 (7) 25.2: Other Services.

3 (8) 26.0: Supplies and Materials.

4 Such term shall not include the expenses of the Depart-
5 ment of Defense.

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